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IN VACATION.

Extenuating Circumstance.—The colored defendant, who was being tried on a charge of keeping a dog without a license tried repeatedly to interrupt the legal proceedings, but each time was sternly silenced by the court. Finally the judge turned to him.

"Do you want the court to understand," he said, "that you refuse to renew your dog license?"

"Yessah, but—"

"We want no 'buts.' You know that it expired on January first, don't you?"

"Yessah; but so did de dog, sah."—The Gimlet.

No Battery.—Judge: What did you hit this man with?

Prisoner: I didn't hit him with anything.

Judge: But he's in a terrible condition. Surely you didn't hit him with your fists?

Prisoner: No, yer Honor. I ketched him by the heels, and bumped him agin a brick wall a few times. But I didn't hit him with anything oncet!—Case and Comment.

Experienced.—"Can I interest you in an attachment for your typewriter?" asked the agent, as he entered the office.

"No chance," replied Mr. Grouch. "I am still paying alimony on the strength of the attachment I had for my last typewriter."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Hard to Believe.—In St. Louis there is one ward that is full of breweries and Germans. In a recent election a local option question was up. After the election some Germans were counting the votes. One German was calling off and another taking down the option votes. The first German, running rapidly through the ballots, said: "Vet, vet, vet....." Suddenly he stopped.

"Dry!" he cried.

Then he went on, "Vet, vet, vet, vet,....." Presently he stopped again and mopped his brow. "Himmel!" he said, "Der son of a gun repeated!"—American Law School Review.

Legal View.—A Cleveland attorney took the Mediterranean trip a month ago. It was his first time across the water, and he stated on his return that he would have had a perfectly glorious time but for the silly questions asked him by customs officials.

It was on the pier at New York that his woes came to a climax. "Open your trunk, please," commanded the custom-house officer. "Have you anything in there but personal property?" he continued.

"What do you mean by personal property?" countered the lawyer. The officer looked up in amazement. "For heaven's sake, don't you know what personal property is?"

"I thought I did," answered the attorney, "and I can assure you that there is no real estate in my trunk."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Memorable Date.—"What little boy in the class can mention a memorable date in history?" asked the teacher.

"Antony's with Cleopatra," was the answer.—Toger.

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the Editor-in-Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

American and English Annotated Cases, containing The Important Cases Selected from the Current American, Canadian and English Reports, thoroughly Annotated. Editors, William H. McKinney and H. Noyes Greene. Volume 32 Ann. Cas. 1915a. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, Long Island. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. 1915. Price \$5.00.

As usual we find this volume of interest and use. A valuable note quoting a good many Virginia cases is upon the much vexed question of the "Construction of Constitutional Provision Relating to Title of Statutes," and among other valuable annotations are the following: "Proceeds of Sale of Lunatic's Realty as Realty or Personality;" "Liability of Owner of Defeasible Fee for Waste;" "Validity of Statute Prohibiting Political Activity by Public Officer;" "Admissibility of Parole Evidence to Prove Municipal Ordinance;" "Imputability of Knowledge of Corporation to Officer Thereof;" "Renewal Note as Discharging Original Note." A brief note, but of a good deal of interest, is as to whether the word "parent" includes "step-father or step-mother." Also another valuable note is the one upon "Credit Insurance."

We always find these volumes of great and immediate use, and generally examine them whenever any question of law comes up for our examination.